

To: **Mayor and City Council**  
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**  
From: **Brian Sturgeon, Chief of Police**  
Date: **February 24, 2020**

## **Coordinated Mental Health Response Pilot Program MOU**

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In 2019 West St. Paul Police Department entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement with Dakota County Social Services to participate in a Coordinated Mental Health Response Pilot Program for one year.

The purpose for the Pilot Program is to explore and implement a more coordinated response to address increased law enforcement calls for service involving mental health crises in our community. With our officers working in conjunction with a dedicated social worker, we can provide more dedicated services to those in need.

In 2019 we had several success stories and this program has proven to be a very effective program. Dakota County has approved funding for this program for one more year, hence an extension of this Pilot Program.

Attached to this packet is the 2020 Memorandum of Understanding between Dakota County Social Services and the City of West St Paul to continue this effective program.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

		<b>Amount</b>
<b>Fund:</b>		
<b>Department:</b>		
<b>Account:</b>		

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the Chief of Police to sign the attached MOU between the City of West St. Paul and Dakota County Social Services.

